

CSO Solicitation No. 2179

Construction Engineering and Inspection Services for Project Nos. 34-334 & 172-405

Prequalification Category - Construction Engineering and Inspection (Road, Bridge, Aviation)

PREQUALIFIED FIRMS HAVE BEEN SENT THIS SOLICITATION LETTER. IT IS BEING POSTED HERE FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (Department) is seeking to engage two (2) consultant engineering firms to perform the Construction Engineering and Inspection services. One (1) firm is required for each of the following projects:

- Project No. 0034-0334 consists of the Rehabilitation of Bridge #00548 over I-84 EB, US 7 & Beaver Brook in the Town of Danbury. This project is scheduled to be advertised on March 20, 2013. The anticipated consultant start date is April 1, 2013, with an estimated completion date of November 1, 2014. The scope code for this project is "G".
- Project No. 0172-0405 consists of Bridge Beam End and Bearing Repairs for 13 bridges in various towns in District 2. This project is scheduled to be advertised on December 12, 2012. The anticipated consultant start date is May 1, 2013, with an estimated completion date of December 1, 2015. The scope code for this project is "H".

Information regarding the licensing, certification and qualification requirements for this project can be found in the "Construction Engineering and Inspection Information Pamphlet for Consultants" dated August 2008. (This Pamphlet can be found online at www.ct.gov/dot under the publications link.)

Firms responding to this request should be of adequate size and sufficiently staffed and experienced to perform this assignment and will be required to provide the necessary staffing upon execution of the contract.

Please be advised that the Department currently utilizes SiteManager software for construction management reporting. Firms should also be familiar with the Department's construction policies as outlined in our Construction Manual. (This Manual can also be found online at www.ct.gov/dot/construction under the publications link.)

If your firm desires to be considered for this assignment, your submittal should consist of a one page letter of interest and ConnDOT Form CSO 255, along with a maximum of five (5) resumes, one of which must be that of the proposed engineer-in-charge, as well as assurance that he/she will be available for work when required and one should also be submitted for the Office Engineer. The CSO 255 Form can be found online at www.ct.gov/dot/consultant. **Four (4) copies of the submittal are required and they must be either postmarked by, or, if hand delivered, received by 3:00 p.m. December 28, 2012.**

Included in the submittal must be a brief narrative summarizing your current construction inspection workload and a narrative description of proposed staff, qualifications, discipline experience and expertise in (1) highway construction; (2) bridge construction, structures and retaining walls; (3) construction survey; (4) maintenance and protection of traffic; (5) required certifications (ABC or NACE, NETTCP - Certified Concrete Technician, Hot Mix Asphalt Paving Inspector, Soils and Aggregate Inspector); and (6) familiarity with ConnDOT's construction inspection standards and procedures. Responding firms must also provide copies of the required licenses and certifications for the proposed inspectors, resident engineer, and office engineer showing that they are in current standing.

All firms are advised that the prime consultant must perform at least seventy-five (75) percent of the work with employees of the firm. Sub consultant assignments will be permitted for portions of the work up to twenty-five (25) percent of the agreement value.

Please be advised that there is no small business enterprise (SBE) goal assigned to these projects. If a responding firm determines that subcontracting opportunities exist, the firm will be required to document their good faith effort to provide opportunities for SBE firms to participate. All firms are advised that the prime consultant must perform the major part of the work with employees of the firm. Joint venturing will not be allowed.

Prior to the negotiation process, the selected firm will be required to have a Department-approved audit and affirmative action plan, as well as current corporate registration with the Secretary of State (partnerships excluded). The selected firm will also be required to maintain insurance coverage from a firm approved to do business in the State of Connecticut. A minimum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) Professional Liability Insurance coverage, with a maximum deductible of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), will be required. Proof of coverage must be submitted on acceptable insurance forms prior to the start of the negotiations process.

Do not send additional documentation other than what is requested. The Consultant Selection Panel may reject your submittal, and your firm may not be considered for this project if you provide additional documentation such as corporate brochures, background information, and histories.

In accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) Sections 4-252 and 4a-81, firms, once selected, must complete the Office of Policy and Management's (OPM) Ethics Form 1 (Gift and Campaign Contribution Certification, Rev. 11-29-11) and Form 5 (Consulting Agreement Affidavit, Rev. 10-01-11), prior to the agreement/contract execution. Forms 1 and 5 apply to all consulting agreements/contracts which have a total value to the State of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more in a calendar or fiscal year. Any consultant that does not complete the certification (Form 1) required under subsection (e) of CGS 4-252 or refuses to submit the affidavit (Form 5) required under subsection (c) of CGS 4a-81 shall be disqualified and the Department shall award the agreement/contract to the next highest ranked consultant or seek new submittals in accordance with subsection (d) of CGS 4-252 and subsection (d) of CGS 4a-81. Further information on these requirements can be obtained online at <http://www.ct.gov/opm> via the Ethics Affidavits link.

Please note, in an effort to streamline the certification and affidavit process for contract/agreement execution, the Department is requiring selected firms to upload Forms 1 and 5 on the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Business Network ("BizNet") website. Further information can be found at <http://das.ct.gov/cr1.aspx?page=371>, to subscribe to Biznet and obtain directions to upload the forms following the "Vendor Guide to Uploading Affidavits and Nondiscrimination Forms Online (pdf)".

For all State contracts as defined in CGS § 9-612(g)(1) having a value in a calendar year of \$50,000 or more or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of \$100,000 or more, the authorized signatory to this submission in response to the State's solicitation expressly acknowledges receipt of the State Elections Enforcement Commission's Notice titled "Notice to Executive Branch State Contractors and Prospective State Contractors of Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Limitations" (Notice) advising state contractors of state campaign contribution and solicitation prohibitions, and will inform its principals of the contents of the Notice. The State Elections Enforcement Commission's Notice is attached hereto and hereby made a part of this solicitation.

Circumstances may require rescheduling or cancellation of projects and, should such action be necessary, ConnDOT would be under no obligation to provide supplementary work for the firms selected for these assignments.

The Department reserves the rights to add additional projects of a similar nature for a separate selection should additional projects become available prior to the interview phase of the selection process.

All letters of interest shall be addressed to:

Mr. David Mancini, Consultant Selection Office
Connecticut Department of Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, Connecticut 06111

Hand delivered letters should be brought to the front desk at the aforementioned address no later than 3:00 p.m. on December 28, 2012.

Please be advised that firms must continue to be prequalified in the specified category in the year a shortlist is finalized and/or a selection is made.

All inquiries regarding this request for Letters of Interest shall be directed to Mr. David Mancini of the Consultant Selection Office at (860) 594-3017.